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PANCHO VILLA,

Flyweight champion of the world, who won comfortably on points when he defended his title a few days ago against George Marks in New York.

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FISTIC COMMENTS.

CANADIAN CHALLENGER OF BLOOMFIELD.

At a tme when he is just about "fed up" with waiting for a match to come his way, Jack Bloomfield, who is acknowledged to be the best of the English heavyweights, will doubtless be pleased to learn that there is a British subject eager to go against him. At present there is nobody in England for Bloomfield to meet either in the heavy or light-heavyweight division, so his offer of a few days ago to defend his light-heavyweight title and Lonsdale belt will not lead to a match in which he might score his second victory for the trophy mentioned.

In defence of his title of British Empire light-heavy champion on as a heavyweight Jack may get the chance to box, however, for Jack Renault, champion of Canada, stands ready to meet him and will come to England for this purpose it matters can be fixed up. Mr Lee P. Flynn, manager for Renault, has written to the "Boxing World and Mirror of Life" to enquire what chance there is for the Canadian to obtain a match for the Empire title, and he is to get into touch with Major Wilson on the subject.

A contest between Bloomfield and Renault should appeal to English followers of boxing, and possiblby Major Wilson will be disposed to handle it. Renault, who made good headway in the game last year, knocking out twelve opponents, amongst whom were Fred Fulton and Floyd Johnson, appears to be a very suitable man for Bloomfield to tackle, and I believe the Canadian can make the necessary 12st. 7lbs to dispute the Englishman's right to the Empire light-heavyweight title It he cannot do this a meeting ot the pair at catch-weight could be arranged.

Renault has earned recognition in America as a man of considerable promise ; in fact, since he stopped Floyd Johnson some American boxing scribes have suggested that he is in line for matches with Luis Firpo and Harry Wills. It might not be wise to put him against the latter yet awhile, but against Firpo he should have quite a good chance, for it may be recalled that when he met Joe Downey, a heavyweight Firpo failed to stop just prior to meeting Jack Dempsey last year, he won decisively in the third round.

An ambitious young man, of twenty years, Renault hopes one day to make a bid for the world's heavyweight title. Writing of the Canadian, Mr. Flynn says: "He had the greatest schooling any fighter possibly could have—as for nearly four years he was a Sergt. Major in the the Canadian North West Mounted Police. The slogan of that bunch is 'Get Your Man,' and Renault will never be content ed until he gets Dempsey and the heavyweight championship.

"In Boston they're crazy about Renault. It wasn't so much the fact that he plastered the plosterer, Fred Fulton. It was the way he did the job. They think right now he is ready for Wills, Firpo and Dempsey.

"You may know Wills turned down an offer of 10,000 dollars to box George Godfrey, the big coloured heavyweight. Well, Jack put him away, much to the surprise of Dan McKetrick and a gang of Godfrey boosters.

"Renault was hurting Fulton so badly when the pair met in New York that the latter fouled him to save himself from a knockout. Fulton had just come out of a match with Floyd Johnson with credit, and when Renault, comparatively unknown, was whaling daylights out of him the big army of fans present could hardly believe their eyes Then to prove it was no fluke that he could whip Fulton he stopped him in Boston.

"I feel confident that Renault can beat Bloomfield or anyone else in England, and would be very pleased to bring him over to participate in a match in the near future."

Since Mr. Flynn's letter lett America Renault has had another contest and chalked up a k.o. in making his first appearance in 1924. On January 23, at Providence, R. I., he disposed of Tom Roper in the second essay of a twelve rounds contest.

MOORE AND MOODY.

In the issue of the "Boxing World and Mirror of Life" of Jan. 12, I mentioned that Mr. Billy Ames, manager for Frank Moody, had claimed to have stated his willingness to match Moody against Ted Moore in America on a winner-take-all basis, and with the understanding that the loser should return to England, an offer he said he had put up to Tom O'Rourke, who is caring for Moore's affairs, and a few days ago I heard from Mr. O'Rourke on the subjectfi and he says the offer has never been made to him by Moody's manager. He complains also that Mr. Ames has been trying to further Moody's chances by having it announced that Moody beat Moore and forgetting to mention that it was a fluky win on a foul, following which he lost to Moore twice, first at Plymouth in a contest which I refereed, and then at the N.S.C.

Mr. O'Rourke is much annoyed at Mr. Ames getting publicity for Moody at the expense of Moore, and he complains also that the latter "has not boxed at Madison Square Garden on account of a small grievance between a commissioner and myself, who has stooped so low as tell them not to book Moore."

Under the date of Jan. 28, Mr O'Rourke writes, and in mentioning that Moore had fixed up a match with Dave Shade for decision in Boston on Feb. 1, he writes: "There may be a postponement as Moore hurt his right hand badly when he fought Larry Estridge, the coloured middleweight." The Shade-Moore was not postponed, and it resulted in a win for the former on points. Possibly the injury to Moore, of which mention is made above, was the cause of the Englishman's undoing, and we may learn whether this was the case when Mr. "Doc" Almy refers to the contest which took place in Boston, where, on Feb. 5, Moody met his first defeat in America, losing on points to Lou Bogash in a ten rounds bout.

SCOTTISH FLYWEIGHT FAILS.

Willie Woods, of Glasgow, who belongs to the flyweight division and has made some game stands against lads a little too good for him at the N.S.C. and elsewhere, is amongst the British boxers in America, and when he figured in a

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contest at Jersey City on the 23rd of last month he met with defeat on points over the ten rounds route. Having Johnny Buff, the former world's "bantam" champion, to contend with, he was set a hard task, and the margin against him at the finish was pretty wide. It was Buff's first contest since he lost the American flyweight title to Pancho Villa in Sept., 1922, but he showed something approaching his old-time form and knew too much for the Scot.

J. BISSELL.

AT THE RING.

ERNEST TYNCKE STOPS GEORGE CARNEY.

Ernest Tyncke, a Belgian welterweight with a rather dangerous right hand, scored another knock-out at The Ring, London, when on Monday last he went against George Carney, of Bermondsey, who recently drew with Seaman Hall. In the fourth term of a fifteen rounds contest the Englishman was disposed of, rights on the jaw bringing about his undoing. Floored three times, Carney came up in time twice, but he was counted out the third time he fell.

It was rather a lucky victory for the Belgian, who can claim to have registered three consecutive knock-outs, for prior to catching his man with the right he was out-boxed and out-fought. Carney was aggressive, and directed his punches accurately with both hands, whilst numerous swings Tyncke tried went astray. At in-fighting the latter was of very little use, and besides being stung by body punches he rocked occasionally through taking rights on the jaw. Carney seemed to be quite as hard a hitter as the Belgian, but he was less tough, and never properly recovered from the first knockdown blow.

Sid Chilton (Kentish Town) won from Jack Farrell (Paddington) when five essays of a fifteen-rounder had been contested, the referee intervening, and a bout slated for ten rounds between Harry Hughes (Walworth) and Tommy Wells (Lambeth) ended in the third session, the referee applying the closure, when Wells had been down twice. In another ten-rounder Charlie Rogers (Balham) beat Victor Childs (Bargoed) on points

TEDDY MURTON AND BILLY HINDLEY DRAW.

A better "bantam" bout than that furnished by Teddy Murton (Plymouth) and Billy Hindley (Horwich) last Saturday night at The Ring has not been seen for quite a long time. Over the fifteen rounds course the lads met, and although in turn each threatened to score a decisive victory the allotted journey as covered and the referee voted for a draw. The decision, perhaps, favoured the Lancastrian slightly, but in view of the keen way in which both lads fought it may be said that neither deserved to lose, and what should prove a very attractive return match can be staged with a view to deciding which of the pair is the more worthy of consideration as a candidate for the "bantam" championship held by Johnny Brown.

Throughout the contest, for which both boxers came a little inside the stipulated 8st. 6lbs., the boxing was most interesting, and Murton, though somewhat the cleverer, was not so aggressive as the worrying Lancashire boy. At the outset Murton, the more active, visited the face with the left several times before Hindley replied with a right uppercut to the jaw. Hindley was rather cautious, and when fought to the ropes he had to take a nasty right on the jaw. He countered a left lead with the right well later, but the round was slightly Murton's, and in the second term the Westerner landed good punches with both hands. Hindley relied on counters, and got home a few rights. The third was also Murton's round, for although he had to accept some rights on the face he did the attacking, and hit with judgement of distance. With one right to the face he brought Hindley down for a count of eight, but the latter was not in such a bad way as to really need so long a rest.

Fought on give-and-take lines the fourth essay favoured neither, but the Plymouthian was chief scorer in the fifth, his straight left-hand work giving him the advantage. There was plenty done in the course of the sixth and seventh rounds, and Murton did well when he employed a jab, and made use of the ring, but he found Hindley willing to attack, and whenever he exchanged punches with the Lancastrian he got as good as he gave. The Horwich boxer put his man down early in the eighth round with a right swing to the jaw, and, after getting up at "nine," Murton was out-fought. Murton did well with the left in the next session, and escaped most of his rival's returns, but he had no advantage in the tenth and eleventh meetings, when Hindley, by forcing persistently, took him out of his stride and punched the harder. Murton could not keep away from his rival much of the time in the twelfth round, which produced crisp hitting, with each doing his share of it. Hindley boxed with much dash and landed several good punches in the closing rounds, but Murton was always a little the cleverer at long range, and at the close the referee declined to choose between the pair.

Ten rounds bouts resulted in Harry Brooks (Aldgate) beating Johnny Hindley (Horwich) on points, and George Smith (Highgate) outpointing Bert Davison (Battersea).

JOHNNY CURLEY BEATS JACK SLATTERY.

Somewhat off form and up against a clever little boxer in Jack Slattery, of Accrington, in the chief contest of fifteen rounds at The Ring last Thursday night, Johnny Curley, of Lambeth, had all his work cut out to come through a winner. He had just a bare lead on points when the scheduled number of rounds had been contested, and but for wearing the Lancastrian down he must have met with an unexpected defeat. At 8st. 12lbs. he was not particularly strong and should he get the chance he seeks to box for the bantamweight championship it is certain he would have very little chance, for it will be by weakening himself that he will get down to 8st. 6lbs.

Opposed to Slattery, a lad with a good style, smart on his feet, though not a hard hitter, Curley never boxed well, and during the first half of the bout he filled second place, for the Accrington lad, who hooked and jabbed with the left and evaded and blocked punches, was too smart for him. Much of Slattery's work appealed to the spectators, who applauded when he gave apparently dangerous punches a miss, but when the Lancashire lad slowed the tide turned, and Curley punished his opponent about the face and body. A damaged left ear bothered Slattery in the second half of the set-to, but he was able to make a hard fight of it. He was quick to seize any opening Curley gave him, and but for the latter doing a lot of execution in the last three rounds the decision against Slattery might not have been rendered.

Gunner Hornsey (Royal Marines) boxed rather well to win on points over fifteen rounds from Bill Jones (Paddington), whom he once floored for "seven" in the second round, but Charlie Woodman (Wandsworth) was a little fortunate to get a verdict over Ted Zegwaard (Holland) at the close of another fifteen rounder.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

E. Tillotson (Colne).—We hope to comply with your wishes in the near future. A revised edition of Ned Donnelly's book was published some months ago, and we believe you can obtain a copy for 2/6 from the National Sporting Club, Covent Garden, London, W.C. The 2d. handbook issued by us some years ago is out of print. Driscoll had natural ability, and was for some time with a boxing booth

"Scotia."—We do not remember Fitz accomplishing the performance you mention, and doubt that any other boxer has done so.

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AMATEUR FIXTURES.

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OUR NOTE BOOK.

"BATTLING" SIKI'S AMERICAN BOUTS.—MIKE McTIGUE AND CARPENTIER.—PANCHO VILLA WINS.—HIS CHIEF CHALLENGER AND FRANK ASH.—MASCART AND LEDOUX.

"Battling" Siki, though he has not been defeated under light-heavy-championship conditions since he won the world's title from Georges Carpentier, cannot be regarded as anything but a poor champion, and it is very doubtful that he could retain his laurels if given the chance to defend them against any of several American's belonging to the 12st 7lbs. division.

Since he has been in the States the Senegalese has done nothing to impress, and for this reason his services are not required by the promoters ready to engage attractive fighters. Siki has had four contests in America, two of which went against him, and in the bouts which resulted in his favour his opponent were a little known negro, "Young" Norfolk and Joe White. He beat the latter last Friday in a ten rounds bout on points. His defeats have come at the hands of "Kid" Norfolk, probably the best known coloured light-heavy on the other side, and "Battling" Owens, a New Orleans black, of about the same standing as "Young" Norfolk. Owens outpointed Siki at New Orleans on Jan. 21 in a bout of fiftfeen rounds duration, and a message to hand dealing with the event informs us that Siki did not appear to be in the best of shape and the local man outboxed him in a majority of the rounds.

Four days after the contest Siki could not be found in New Orleans, and promoters interested in future bouts in which the Senegalese had undertaken to appear wired local authorities to locate and hold the elusive boxer. The police ascertained that Siki was registered at the Chicago Hotel, a negro hostelry in New Orleans, where he had accommodation after his fight with "Battling" Owens, but they could not get into touch with him, and we have come across a message from Chicago of Jan. 25 which says: "An insurance policy of 5,000 dollars against any further disappearance of 'Battling' Siki has been taken out here. The disappearance insurance was taken out, Tommy Walsh, matchmaker, announced, to insure the presence of Siki in Minneapolis on Jan. 31 to meet Joe Lohman, of Toledo. Siki is expected to come to Chicago from New Orleans to spend the intervening time before the Minneapolis match and while here the insurance company, it is said, will have two men keep track of his movements."

We haven't heard whether Siki kept the engagement on the 31st ult. He probably did, and perhaps gave the watch-dogs of the insurance concern less trouble than he might have done had he not been in a "dry" country.

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Judging by news to hand from New York everything is not plain sailing for the proposed Georges Carpentier-Mike McTigue match. Tex Rickard probably has the Frenchman signed for it on the condition that he can get McTigue, who seems to be holding off for the best offer for his services. Mike and his former manager, Joe Jacobs, have declared peace and signed on the dotted lines of the document of settlement laid before them by their lawyers. McTigue has paid over to Jacobs about £2,000 to purchase his release from his contract with Jacobs, which was not to expire until August, and McTigue has been listening to offers from Newark promoters, who offered him two bouts, one with "Young" Stribling in the New York Armoury about the 1st of Mar. and another with Carpentier at Dreamland Park during the open air season.

The Newark people offered McTigue a total of 100,000 dollars for the two bouts, but McTigue stood out for 50,000 dollars more, and, as a result, no business was done.

Out of the signing of peace between McTigue and Jacobs a new disagreement has arisen. Mike contends that it was stipulated in the settlement that he no longer was bound to meet Gene Tunney, the the American light-heavyweight champion, for Tex Rickard, as Jacobs had contracted for him to do. However, Rickard claims that the contract for the Tunney bout is still binding, and as William J. McCormack, chairman of the license committee of the New York Boxing Commission, is of the opinion that McTigue must take on Tunney before meeting any one else in New York, the chance of a Carpentier-McTigue contest being brought off there is not particularly rosy, and this may account for McTigue trying to do business with the New Jersey promoters. Mike has no wish to box Tunney, and he may confine his efforts to bouts outside of N.Y. State, unless he is released from the contract binding him to meet the American light-heavyweight champion.

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Defending the world's flyweight title he won from Jimmy Wilde, Pancho Villa scored a very clear win on points over George Marks in a fifteen rounds contest in New York last Friday, says a message to hand. In every round except the fourteenth the title-holder is reported to have outpointed Marks, who has been little heard of in this country, but is written of by a New York boxing critic as a remarkably clear-headed youngster and a cool boxer, packng a stiff punch.

Prior to meeting Villa, Marks notched several victories, but it may not be said that he earned the right to box for the championship, first claim to contest for which Frank Genaro has in view of the fact that he has beaten the Filipino. Genaro has been seeking another match with Villa since the latter mastered Wilde in New York last June, but Villa has thought it wise to sidestep him, and we have not noticed that American boxing scribes have criticised the champion for ignoring his chief challenger.

We hear little of Frank Ash, the Plymouth lad, who went to the States a few weeks ago with the hope at getting a chance at Villa's title, and so missed the opportunity of figuring in the competition arranged for the purpose of finding the successor of Wilde at home. Ash has yet to have his first contest on the other side, but if he can give one of his best displays he may be able to get a match with Genaro, which, if he could win it, would put him in line for a championship bout with Villa.

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In view of the fact that Eugene Criqui beat Charles Ledoux in one round two years ago when the latter was a more formidable fighter than than he is to-day, it is rather surprising to find the French Boxing Federation approving of a meeting between Mascart and Ledoux on Feb. 19 for, with the consent of the body mentioned, the European featherweight title, as well as for the French title. The titles mentioned have been "presented" to Mascart by the International Boxing Union on the ground that Criqui, the real holder of them, is unable to box for some months, but on this side of the English Channel we do not, of course, admit that the Mascart-Ledoux event will be a championship affair.

It may be mentioned that the International Boxing Union recently registered the challenge of Hebrans (Belgium) to Mascart for the European title, but the Council of the French Boxing Federation was of opinion that Ledoux should be considered as challenger. The match between Ledoux and Mascart was ratified some little time ago, and the Emergency Committee of the International Union has decided that as the contest was fixed up at the featherweight limit and under championship conditions, it shall be held for the European championship. According to the I.B.U., Ledoux will be champion if he beats Mascart, but what about his defeat at the hands of Criqui?

It is apparent to close followers of the boxing game that Jock Malone is working along toward the middleweight championship, and, barring accidents, he will land the honour sooner or later, probably as the successor to Harry Greb.

PREMIERLAND.

VAN'T HOF AND FRANKIE BURNS

DUTCHMAN'S DOUBTFUL VICTORY.

Frankie Burns, the Australian middleweight, has every reason to be dissatisfied with the result of his contest at Premierland, Whitechapel, last Thursday, when he went against Van't Hof (Holland) to box the best of fifteen rounds and was counted out in the second essay. For landing the punch which put an end to what promised to be a good bout, the Dutchman should have been disqualified, and it was surprising that the referee, Mr. C. Barnett, decided against the Australian, who was knocked out when down.

Burns was distinctly unlucky. He boxed with more skill than Van't Hof, evaded punches in the first round and scored on the face and body with the right. His uppercutting was good, and early in the second essay left jabs he sent to the face jerked his man's head back, but then napping a clip on the jaw he came down. His hands were touching the floor when Van't Hof swung the right to the jaw, causing him to roll over on his back. The referee entered the ring, and it was expected he would proclaim Burns the winner on a foul, but he proceeded to count him out.

Van't Hof was lucky to escape defeat, as was his countryman, Abe Dorr, who, though well outscored by Albert Hicks (Stepney) in a ten rounds contest, secured a draw. In other ten rounds events Con Hollingsworth (Stepney) won on points from "Kid" Lewis (Manchester), and "Kid" Socks (Bethnal Green) beat Harry Whiteman (Shoreditch) in the second round.

HONEYMAN BEATS ROBINSON.

Mike Honeyman, the former champion featherweight, won another contest at Premierland on the afternoon of the 10th inst., when to box the best of fifteen three-min. rounds at 9st. 12lbs., he went against Harry Robinson (Mexborough). Only moderate boxing was seen in the first two rounds, Hneyman getting a few snappy leftfs home to the face, the Yorkshireman replying to the body. In the third essay the Yorkshire boxer sent telling punches to Honeyman's jaw, the latter being shaken badly, but the next two rounds went in favour of Honeyman, who kept getting in with a flicking left. Robinson, however, was having the better of matters at inside work. In several subsequent sessions Honeyman was on top. The last few rounds were fought at a brisk pace, and at the close the decision in favour of Honeyman was well received.

In ten rounds events Billy Housego (Paddington) beat Johnny Lester (St. George's) on points, and Sid Cannon (Spitalfields) beat Wal Jordan (Peckham) on points.

LIVERPOOL STADIUM.

"KID" MOOSE BEATS LEN JOHNSON.

Considering that he had been defeated twice previously by Len Johnson, the coloured middleweight hailing from Manchester, "Kid" Moose, of Southport, did well to turn the tables on his conqueror when on Thursday last the pair figured in a fifteen rounds contest at the Liverpool Stadium. He won over Johnson on points, but could not have much in hand at the close of what was an interesting bout.

Both men being rather cautious early on, the opening round was not a busy one, but brisk boxing marked the second essay, in which Moose always forced the work, trying hard with body punches and then sending the left to the head. Johnson appeared very confident, and when in the third meeting Moose boxed very wildly he sent a couple of lefts to the head. Moose met with little success in trying for the body at the fourth meeting, whilst Johnson's straight lefts were much in evidence. Following a series of light punches in the next session several body punches were exchanged, while in the sixth round Johnson reached his man's face repeatedly, but in the subsequent exchanges Moose did well, scoring with a heavy right on the body.

At the eighth meeting the Southport boxer made a big effort to get on top, rushing his man and sending in lefts to the head, but the negro sent several punches to head and body. In round nine Moose scored on the body and then on the face, but his blows generally landed as Johnson was going away and did no damage. The tenth meeting was in favour of Moose, who scored well to the face, but next time up the black sent three splendid lefts to the side of the side of the head. The Southport boxer did well later, and had the better of matters. Moose did all the forcing at the twelfth meeting and paid much attention to the body, whilst Johnson occasionally scored with lefts to the face During the closing rounds the Southport man was the aggressor and and did rather better than Johnson at close quarters, but when the pair were at arm's length the scoring favoured the coloured man, who appeared to be entitled to divide honours when the award went to Moose.

"Young" Tilston (Chester) was successful inanother fifteen rounds contest, his opponent, Billy Atkins (Trelaw), retiring after eleven rounds had been got through. Early defeat for the Welshman seemed likely when in the first essay he was toppled over by a right on the jaw, but he recovered well and made a good fight of it up to the time of surrendering. Tilston, though the recipient of jarring punches at times was nearly always scoring the better, and he had a fairly good lead when the bout ended.

Over ten rounds Harry Williams (Rockferry) outpointed "Butcher" Reardon (Liverpool).

Such an appealing programme as that which is to be submitted to visitors to the Liverpool Stadium on Thursday night should attract a big house, and there is every promise of interesting sport. A middleweight fifteen rounds "go" is the chief of three events scheduled for that journey, and in this Ike Clarke (Birkenhead) is likely to be hard pushed to get the better of Bill Bates (Welling), to whom he will be conceding height and reach. Bob Bates, a brother of the latter, may not be equal to beating Tom Mallison (Leeds), but in the other "fifteen" Ernie Veitch (Leamington), a recent winner over Ernie Lord, will be expected to triumph over Jim Hanna, a Belfast fly weight.

HOXTON BATHS

P.O. SPILLER BEATS TOM IRELAND.

Petty Officer Bob Spiller (R.N.), who lived up to his name when he spilled Billy Prestage, one of Tom O'Rourke's heavyweights, a couple of weeks back, scored another easy victory on Monday afternoon, when he met Tom Ireland (Hoxton) in a fifteen rounds bout at Hoxton Baths. He was all over Ireland from the start; did all the hitting, and had the civilian in a bad way with lefts and rights to the jaw. Ireland came down late in the first round, and as Spiller helped him to rise the referee called "Stop!" We thought the bout was at an end, but just then the bell rang, and Ireland, after a minute's rest, was allowed to come up again. One more right on the jaw put him down again, however, and his second threw in a towel.

Teddy Baker (Bermondsey) gained a harder-earned victory at the expense of "Young" Bull (Castleford) in a bout which went the scheduled fifteen rounds on strenuous lines He was rather cleverer than the Yorkshire boxer at arm's length, where his left-hand hitting was well timed, but he seldom had the better of gruelling in-fighting, for Bull was strong and hit freely with both hands to the body. A favourite stroke of Baker's is a right cross-counter, and he landed it on the jaw and side of the head several times, though only once effectvely. In the eighth round he floored Bull for "eight," but the latter recovered, and at all other stages of the bout gave his man a hard fight.

In another fifteen-rounder Ted Zegwaard (Holland) and Seaman Willoughby (Chatham) had a stern tussle, and in getting a draw the sailor went one better than he did two weeks ago. The Dutchman beat him on points over ten rounds then, and we thought his better leading had earned him the award in the "return" when the referee declared the bout drawn.

RACING NOTES

Frank Wootton and D Dick will ride in Ireland at the close of the present National Hunt Season in England.

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We are informed that Sir Abe Bailey has taken over Warren Towers, Newmarket, formerly in the occupation of Lord Wilton.

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On enquiry at the Warnford Hospital, Leamington, it was learned that Gilbert Wall, the jockey who was injured at Warwick Races a week ago, is now fully conscious. His general condition is much improved

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As a result of the fall of Louvima in the Coventry 'Chase at Birmingham, Duffy sustained slight concussion In the same race Rebel fell halfway, and his jockey, Moroney, was removed to the Birmingham General Hospital in the motor ambulance.

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E Foster, who served his time with Tabor at Kingswood and who is attached to Lord Westmorland's all-victorious stable, has been riding in great form of late. Foster steered his nineteenth winner when getting Royal Chancellor home in the Stayers' Handicap Steeplechase at Birmingham.

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J. Orbell has done remarkably well of late with the small string he has at Bury St. Edmunds. At Birmingham he brought off a nice double with Craggie Rock and his old favourite, Jack Bore, the latter winning in the commonenest of canters. Tidey had little more to do on Jack Boore than sitting up patting his neck from the last fence

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THIS WEEK'S RACING.

Some good sport should be witnessed during the week. Meetings will be held at Windsor (Wednesday and Thursday) and Hurst Park (Friay and Saturday). At each venue the stakes and entries are well up to the average, and a large attendance is assured at these popular fixtures. The following should go close to winning their respective engagements:—

WINDSOR—WEDNESDAY.

The Slough Hurdle Race—
LIONCEAU.

The Curfew Steeplechase—
SPOIL FIRE.

The Bridge Hurdle Race—
POOLE'S SELECTED.

The Berkshire Steeplechase—
CATAMARAN.

The Boveney Hurdle Race—
DESPARD.

The Burnham Steeplechase—
CYLVIDA.

WINDSOR—THURSDAY.

The Ivor Hurdle Race—
BENNETT'S SELECTED

The Weir Steeplechase—
ADALEW.

The St. Valentine's Hurdle Race—
BARCEDO.

The Royal Steeplechase—
BENNETT'S SELECTED.

The Falstaff Hurdle Race—
ROSEMARY

The College Steeplechase—
THE LOUT.

HURST PARK—FRIDAY.

The Novices' Steeplechase—
HARTIGAN'S SELECTED.

The Weir Hurdle Race—
POOLE'S SELECTED.

The Walton Steeplechase—
TAFFYTUS.

The Roehampton Hurdle Race—
POOLE'S SELECTED.

The Amateurs' Steeplechase—
BELLINI.

The Hurlingham Hurdle Race—
ALL AWAY.

HURST PARK—SATURDAY.

The Grange Hurdle Race—
ROOKWOOD.

The Teddington Hurdle Race—
POOLE'S SELECTED

New Century Steeplechase—
NORTH WALTHAM.

The Putney Steeplechase—
DRINMOND.

The Weybridge Hurdle Race—
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AT THE N.S.C.

ELKY CLARK AND JOHNNY JONES WIN.

Four more flyweight aspirants to championship honours did duty as contestants in eliminating bouts at the National Sporting Club in the presence of a strong muster of Club members and friends on Monday night, and Elky Clark (Glasgow), who had not previously boxed in London, and Johnny Jones (Treorky) were returned winners. They met Billy Morris (Birkenhead) and Frank Kestrell (Cardiff) respectively, and the Scot boxed in such good style that those who saw the contests will not be surprised if in his next effort he defeats Jones, a lad who has not improved as much as he promised to more than a year ago

The Clark-Morris encounter was the better one, and although the former always held the whip-hand because he had a better style than the Merseysider, Morris fought perseveringly enough to extend him. With a straight left the Scot did capital work and his right, smartly whipped over to the side of the head and to the jaw, disturbed Morris at different stages. It was seldom that the latter compelled Clark to give ground, and the Scot held a nice lead in the eighth session, when the bout ended, due to Morris going down to a light left on the face, and injuring his left leg. The Birkenhead man tried hard to get up, making three or four efforts, but he was too much hurt

Though hard fought the bout between Jones and Kestrell was never exciting The lads did their best, and Jones, the aggressor almost all the time, steadily built up a lead. Though not much better than Kestrell when it came to left leading, he put in some good right-hand counters, and at close quarters fought with more dash than his opponent, who could not complain when adjudged the loser on points.

In a six rounds contest Teddy Reed (Walworth) defeated Charlie Evans (Bow) on points.

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AMATEUR AFFAIRS.

THE UNITED SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIPS.

We have received an interesting letter from Mr. John D. Cockburn, the hon. secretary of the Eastern Amateur Boxing Club and a member of the Council of the United Scottish A.B.A., in which he informs us that the championships of the association are to be held at Hengler's Circus, Glasgow, next month. It has been arranged that the fly, feather, welter and light-heavyweight titles shall be competed for on Mar. 14 and 15 and that the competitions for the bantam, light, middle and heavyweight honours shall be held on Mar. 21 and 22.

A LIKELY COMPETITOR.

We understand it is probable that when the above championships are held the Marquis of Clydesdale will be among the competitors for the middle and light-heavyweight titles, and should he win in either division he would be eligible to figure in the A.B.A. championships at the Alexandra Palace in April.

THE EASTERN A.B.C.

Mr. Cockburn is the founder of the Eastern A.B.C., which has an interesting history and is the oldest boxing club in Scotland. The club is really the defunct Edinburgh Harriers Gymnastic Club, and the boxing section of it was formed in 1905, a year previous to its members capturing the whole of the Scottish amateur championships, a performance which no other club has equalled.

There are many keen young boxers on the Eastern membership role, some of whom were formerly members of the late Caledonian A.B.C., and they are looking forward to the open competitions at 8st. and 9st. to be decided next Wednesday at the Synod Hall, Edinburgh, when the next tournament promoted by the club is to be held.

In the recently decided East of Scotland championships R. Smith (bantam) and J. C. Campbell (lightweight), members of the Eastern A.B.C., were prominent competitors. The former was runner-up to J. McKenzie, whilst Campbell got into the final with W. White, against whom he held his own up to the time of retiring owing to a right-hand injury sustained in the semi-final.

EDINBURGH'S BOXING POLICEMEN.

Another amateur boxing fixture for the Scottish capital is that of Feb. 27. On this date, at the Lauriston Street Hall, the Edinburgh City Police championships are to be held, and the competitions arranged should furnish good sport.

FULHAM'S "NATIONAL" NIGHT

At the National Sporting Club on Tuesday of last week the tenth annual open competitions promoted by the Fulham A.B.C. members of other clubs captured the first prizes. Of sixteen 9st. sovices who turned out, J. Montague (Old Goldsmiths) proved the best, but he was given a close run in the final by G. Smith (Fulham), the latter only just failing because in the last round he permitted his opponent to do most of the attacking.

A middleweight novices' competition, for which seven started, was won by C. Wheeler (Royal Corps of Signals), who scored three one round successes at the expense of W. Spencer (Columbia), A. Irwin ("Poly") and A. W. Harris (P.L.A.), whilst a 9st. 6lbs. open event fell to W. Hanby (Northampton Institute), who beat A. Groves (Limehouse Poplar and District) in a round, and won from F. Skinner (Fulham) in the second session.

A Fulham boxer was also beaten in a six rounds contest, A. Whitbread being outpointed by J. Elliott ("Poly").

"POLY" NOVICES.

Competitions for Polytechnic B.C. members ranking as novices at five weights were decided in the club's theatre at Regent Street, W., on Tuesday of last week, when the final results were as follow: 8st. 6lbs., F. Hughes beat W. Gilpin, on points; 9st. 4lbs., S. A. Budd beat C. Goode on points; 10st. 7lbs., J. Jeffrey outpointed D. Shelley; 11st. 6lbs., N. Craig won on points over J. Kiley; heavyweight, F. Grubb beat C. Mahon on points.

J. BASHAM'S SUCCESSES.

An open 10st. competition, decided in addition to championships of the London Breweries A.S.A. at the Northampton Institute on Tuesday of last week, was won by J. Basham, of the Columbia B.C. Six men figured in the comp., and Basham won three bouts on points, beating in the order mentioned J. W. Patterson (R.N.), I. Pearson (St. Pancras) and J. W. Gleeson (Northampton Institute).

The light and heavyweight championships of the Breweries were won by S. Norris (Charrington's) and F. Ware (Watney's) respectively, whilst in a flyweight competition, open to boys of the London Breweries, J. Cody (Watney's) was successful.

H. E. COX BEATEN.

Basham won another competition last Thursday night at the People's Palace, Mile End, where the H. Division Metropolitan Police A.C. held their annual tournament. He and four others figured in an open 10st. 7lbs. event, the final of which was contested by the Columbian and H. E. Cox (St. Pancras), with the result that the latter, a very successful boxer this season, was defeated, the referee's casting vote going against him after a capital bout.

For a "bantam" invitation competition only E. Warwick, the flyweight champion, and J. Atkinson (Fisher B.C.) were available, and they met to contest the best of six rounds. Warwick was much the better man, and the bout was stopped in the second round, after Atkinson had been down several times.

BRIGHTON BOUTS.

A. W. Smith (Limehouse, Poplar and District), holder of the A.B.A. "bantam" title, was among the boxers in action at the Old Ship Hotel, Brighton, on the 4th inst., when a successful tourney was held under the auspices of the Brighton A.B.C., but in consequence of A. O. Barber being prevented from boxing by an abscess in the face he had for his opponent a Brightonian named Mitchell, whom he defeated on points over six rounds. J. Pivalli, another member of the promoting club, was outpointed by W. Bloom (Essex Cadets) in a contese of the same duration. The only other contest in which a visitor did duty was won by the Brighton contestant, Horne, who disposed of Dunk (Royal Corps of Signals) in the first round. In an open "bantam" competition A. T. Reeves (Brighton) was successful. He stopped Signaller H. Gallenby, and followed up by outpointing club mates in M. Hayes and J. Hatton.

CAIUS COMPETITIONS.

When the Caius (A.B.C.) staged a tournament at the Latchmere Road Baths, Battersea, on Monday of last week the programme got through consisted of a six rounds contest, in which E. J. Hulks (St. Pancras) won over F. Batten (Caius) on points after a scrambling affair, an 8st. 8lbs. open intermediate competition and novices' competitions at 9st. 4lbs. and 11st. In the 8—8 class A. Holmes, representing the Lynn A.C., was successful. In the final he met a club-mate in P. Wheelhouse, and it was only by the referee's casting vote that he won. J. Clark (Devas B. C.) annexed first prize in the 9st. 4lbs. comp., winning over four opponents to do so, whilst S. Smoothey (Caius) won the 11st. event, in which he boxed three times.

THE IRISH CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Council of the Irish Amateur Boxing Association have decided upon May 21 as the date for the Irish Amateur Championships at Dublin. The successful competitors at the different weights will later represent Ireland at the Aonach Tailteann Games. A proposal to hold the championships earlier than May was discussed so that champions could take part in the competitions for the A.B.A. titles at Alexandra Palace, but it was deemed advisable not further to consider the proposal until next year.

TWICKENHAM TOURNEY.

By permission of the A.B.A. a boxing tournament will be held in aid of St. John's Hospital at the Town Hall, Twickenham, next Wednesday. An open competition at 8st. 8lbs., one for 10st. 7lbs. novices, and three contests are down for decision.

ETON MANOR EVENTS.

Competitions at the following weights are to be held by the Eton Manor Club at King's Hall, Hackney Baths, on Thursday, Feb. 28: 8st. 8lbs. open, 10st. 7lbs. open novices, and 12st. open intermediate. Entries, accompanied by the fee of 2/-, should be sent to F. J. Cooper, Eton Manor Club, Riseholme Street, Hackney Wick, E.9.

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AMERICAN BOXING GOSSIP.

By "DOC" ALMY.

Crystalization of public sentiment that Harry Wills, the Brooklyn N.Y., coloured challenger for the world's heavyweight title, shall be given a white man's chance to win the honour during the coming summer, points to a real championship battle before another fall. Some promoter, and Tex Rickard is the particular promoter in the foreground, has either got to stage the mill under conditions fair to Wills and with a genuine O.K. from the N.Y. Athletic Commission, or else the Walker Law, under which the game is now tolerated, will be repealed.

In short meter, the foregoing is the exact situation to-day in New York, and, as the Big City of the Empire State is the tail that wags the dog in matters sporty as well as financial, boxing in the States and those living by it and preying on it, have reasons to be anxious. Let the axe fall on fisticuffs in New York and the mantle of tolerant patriotism which was draped over the shoulders of the sport during the World War will be ripped to shreds.

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It is not that our "pols" care a whole lot about Harry Wills as Harry Wills, or whether he ever boxes for that matter, but the seeming studied indifference and outrageous treatment shown this man, an American citizen, in comparison to the catering to Georges Carpentier, Luis Firpo and other aliens, to say nothing of Jess Willard, Tom Gibbons, Jack Renault, Fred Fulton and others, has at last "got under the skin" of the public. Presidential bees are humming in the States, to say nothing of the gubernatorial variety, and politicians have come to a realisation that the so-called "coloured vote" is fully as desirable as the "white vote," particularly in a close campaign.

The White admirers of Harry Wills because he is an American citizen, and seemingly a good one, and the coloured admirers of Wills because he is of their colour, are in a position to demand consideration. The office-seeker, particularly from New York, who fails to recognise this fact, is out of the race now, though he may not know it. It is to be doubted if these admirers of Wills can be kidded, jollied, ignored or forgotten as appeared to have been the case when, just prior to the election of Al Smith as Governor of New York, the Athletic Commission, a political body, gave the world the reason to suppose that a battle between Dempsey and Wills was a surety for the year 1923.

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The foregoing being strictly an affair of the States may be of but slight interest to British readers, but it should aid in throwing a little light on some events transpiring and about to transpire not generally understood.

That Tex Rickard has seen the signs may be taken after several preliminary canters he has come across cold with an offer of 300,000 dollars for Wills to first meet Firpo and, if victorious, Jack Dempsey, during the summer. Paddy Mullins, manager for Wills, has balked over the conditions, feeling, and that rightly, that Wills has earned the right to fight Dempsey for the title without any preliminary canter with Firpo, whose ring record, like his fighting, is a joke The hook will have to be baited over again.

That Rickard has made an offer in the face of his earlier determination to stage, but two doubts the coming outdoor season, Dempsey-Gibbons and Dempsey-Firpo, is significant and bears out the political aspects involved.

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Negotiations are on for a fray in June between Dempsey and Tom Gibbons, the St. Paul light-heavyweight, and the Press is carrying the report that the latter has signed for a 15-rounds fight, for which he is to receive 100,000 dollors, win, lose or draw. For a chap who was beaten fourteen rounds out of fifteen at Shelby last July 4, this offer looks very much like a Christmas affair with many interesting details which are never likely to be made public.

Though Gibbons is without a ring title, and in all probabilty will never have one, there is no question but what he is the world's best light-heavy at this time, a far better man within the ropes than Siki, Carpentier, Tunney, McTigue, Renault or any of the others. Either Roland Todd or Ted Moore, of England, or perhaps both, may yet gain the title in the light-heavyweight class. As the situation is to-day, however, Gibbons has a clear lead and is the uncrowned king of the division.

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George Ward, the Elizabeth, N.J., welter, touted as a future wearer of the Ermine in the 145-pound class, and a ringster of ability, met his second successve defeat in a Boston ring on January 10, when he was beaten by Pete Latzo, of Hazelton, Pa., an ex-coal miner, and younger brother of Steve Latzo, a middleweight hailing from the same locality. The distance was ten rounds, Latzo winning the decision. Over-confidence and the fact that Ward had not recovered from the knockout he received here a few weeks ago at the hands of Jock Malone, did the trick for him on the 10th inst. Figuring that all he had to do to beat Latzo was to jab him hard with the left and keep the arm working, not such a bad idea in many cases, for two rounds Ward had a lot of sport with the ex-digger of coal. But to reach Latzo, a full head shorter than himself, effectively, Ward held his left arm low, his chin high, and no protecting shoulder in between. It is hardly necessary to explain to students of the game what happened. In the third stanza Latzo took the usual assortment of jabs to the face, pulled Ward's arm down still lower by shooting lefts to the body, and then, all in a flash, let go a right-hand swing for the jaw. The punch caught Ward on the mouth, he reeled under it, and before he could recover, an underhand swing landed on his chin and Ward hit the canvas for a count of nine. The Jerseyman managed to last out the round, also weather those that followed, but he was beaten from that time and had half a dozen narrow escapes before the clang of the final bell. It was Latzo's decision by a good margin.

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Mike McTigue is to engage in a contest with Georges Carpentier. McTigue came to an agreement yesterday at a conference with Tex Rickard, and Carpentier has cabled his willingness to come over here at the promoter's call. It was intimated by both McTigue and Rickard that the only thing that stands in the way of the match is a settling of the differences between McTigue and his manager, Joe Jacobs. It is expected that McTigue and Jacobs will come to an understanding in a few days, when McTigue is expected to buy his contract from Jacobs.

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